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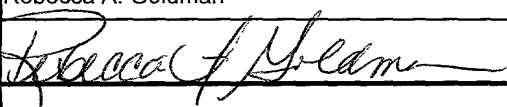
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FOR

ANTENNA IMPEDANCE MATCHING DEVICE AND METHOD

FOR A PORTABLE RADIO TELEPHONE

CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of Korean patent application No. 1999-30587, filed on July 27, 1999, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone, and more particularly, to a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone, for maintaining an optimal antenna impedance matching state.

Background of the Related Art

The portable radio telephone of a folder type, or a type similar to the folder type, is provided with an upper casing and a lower casing for protecting a display and a keypad. Since an antenna related impedance is varied with the state of the casing, (i.e., a folded or closed state and an unfolded or open state), the radio performance characteristics also vary. That is, the radio performance of the portable radio telephone is dependent on the state of the casing. An example of such a portable radio telephone is disclosed in USP 5,335,368, wherein a portable radio telephone having a casing is disclosed which maintains a matched state for the antenna impedance in a call waiting state and in an operating state. The portable radio telephone is provided with an upper casing and a lower casing foldably coupled to a body by hinges, a matching circuit between the antenna and a transmitting-and-receiving circuit, and a sensor (a switch) for sensing states (folded or unfolded) of the upper casing and

the lower casing for changing an impedance matching state according to a power provided to the sensor.

However, the foregoing device for matching an antenna impedance has the following problem.

5 First, in the related art, sensors switched mechanically are used for sensing folding and unfolding of the upper casing and the lower casing and matching an impedance of the antenna. Therefore, the sensor is sensitive to mechanical defects, and no antenna related impedance matching dependent on the casing state is possible if mechanical defects occur.

10 Second, the antenna impedance matching in the related art cannot match the antenna impedance optimally for both when the antenna is extracted and when it is retracted.

Third, the antenna impedance matching in the related art only by sensing the casing state cannot match the antenna impedance optimally for both a reception and a transmission mode.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

15 Accordingly, the present invention is directed to a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone that substantially obviates one or more of the problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the related art.

20 An object of the present invention is to provide a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone of a folder type, or a type similar to the folder type, in which an operating mode, a casing state, and an antenna state of the portable radio telephone are detected for matching an optimal antenna related impedance according to respective states.

Additional features and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the description which follows, and in part will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the invention. The objectives and other advantages of the invention will be realized and attained by the structure particularly pointed out in the written description and claims hereof as well as the appended drawings.

To achieve these and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the present invention, as embodied and broadly described, the device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone includes a folder sensor for sensing a folded state or an unfolded state of the folder casing, a controller for controlling a voltage according to a casing state sensed at the folder sensor, and a matching circuit having a variable capacitance diode for matching an impedance of the antenna and an impedance of a transmission/reception circuit according to the voltage of the controller.

In another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone including a radio having transmission and reception circuits, an antenna movable between an extracted position from the telephone and a retracted position into the telephone, means for sensing the extracted or retracted state of the antenna to provide a sensing signal, a controller for providing voltages different from one another in response to the sensing signal from the means, and means for matching an impedance of the antenna and an impedance of the radio according to the voltages from the controller.

In other aspect of the present invention, there is provided a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone including a radio having transmission and

receiving circuits, a foldable casing enclosing the radio, the foldable casing movable between an unfolded position and a folded position, an antenna movable between an extracted position from the foldable casing and a retracted position into the foldable casing, means for sensing whether the foldable casing is in the unfolded position and for sensing whether the antenna is in the extracted position, and for providing a sensing signal in response thereto, and means for matching an impedance of the antenna and an impedance of the radio in response to the sensing signal.

In a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone, including a radio having transmission and receiving circuits, a foldable casing enclosing the radio, the foldable casing movable between an unfolded position and a folded position, an antenna movable between an extracted position from the foldable casing and a retracted position into the foldable casing, means for sensing whether the foldable casing is in the unfolded position and for sensing whether the antenna is in the extracted position, and for providing a sensing signal in response thereto, a measure for providing a RF signal to the antenna, or measuring a RF signal from the antenna, a controller for controlling the measure to provide the RF signal to the antenna in a reception mode and to measure the RF signal from the antenna in a transmission mode, and for determining optimal antenna impedance matching values for respective modes and folder casing and antenna states and storing the optimal matching values, and means for matching an impedance of the antenna and an impedance of the radio in response to the sensing signal in actual use by, under the control of the controller, boosting a voltage by a fixed increment from 0V to a fixed level for every folder casing state, antenna state, transmission and reception mode condition

to vary an antenna impedance matching, for the controller to measure a transmission or reception sensitivity every time the antenna impedance matching is varied, to set an optimal antenna impedance matching value for each of the states, and to store the optimal antenna impedance matching values therein.

5 It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the invention as claimed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

10 The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principles of the invention:

In the drawings:

15 FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a first preferred embodiment;

FIG. 2 illustrates a detailed system of the digital-to-analog converter (DAC) in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 illustrates a detailed system of the matching circuit in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 illustrates a detailed system of the matching circuit in FIG. 1 in accordance with a second preferred embodiment;

20 FIG. 5 illustrates an outer appearance of a portable radio telephone in accordance with a first preferred embodiment;

FIG. 6 illustrates a block diagram of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a

portable radio telephone in accordance with a second preferred embodiment;

FIG. 7A illustrates an outer appearance of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a second preferred embodiment;

FIG. 7B illustrates a circuit of the CPU and the antenna sensor in FIG. 7A;

FIG. 8 illustrates a block diagram of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a third preferred embodiment;

FIG. 9 illustrates a block diagram of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment;

FIG. 10 illustrates a flow chart showing a first embodiment method for storing an optimal antenna impedance matching value in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment; and,

FIG. 11 illustrates a flow chart showing a second embodiment method for storing an optimal antenna impedance matching value in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

FIRST EMBODIMENT

FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a first preferred embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 1, the device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a first preferred embodiment includes an antenna 10, a folder

sensor 20, a central processing unit (CPU) 30, a Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC) 40, a
matching circuit 50, transmission/reception circuit 60, and a non-volatile memory 31. The
antenna 10 receives a radio wave signal from the air and provides the signal to a matching
circuit 50, or transmits a signal from the matching circuit 50 to the air. The folder sensor 20
5 has a permanent magnet and a magnetic sensor for sensing a folded or unfolded state of a
casing of the portable radio telephone, and communicating the state to the CPU 30. The non-
volatile memory 31 stores a voltage value corresponding to a state of the folder sensor, and
the CPU 30 reads the stored voltage value from the non-volatile memory 31 according to a
state that the folder sensor 20 senses. The DAC 40 converts a voltage from the CPU 30 into
10 analog signal for controlling matching of the matching circuit 50. A detailed embodiment of
the DAC is illustrated in FIG. 2.

That is, the DAC has a variable pulse generator, which may be a Pulse Width
Modulator (PWM) or a Pulse Density Modulator (PDM), for receiving a control signal and a
data signal from the CPU 30 and varying a pulse width or a pulse density, and a integrating
15 circuit 42 having a resistor R and a capacitor C for integrating a signal from the variable pulse
generator 41 and providing it to the matching circuit 5. Accordingly, under the control of the
CPU 30, if the pulse width from the variable pulse generator 41 is relatively large or the pulse
density therefrom is relatively high, a high DC control voltage is provided, and if relatively
small or relatively low, a low DC control voltage is provided. The matching circuit 50 is
20 directly connected to the antenna 10 for performing impedance matching when a
transmission/reception signal is transmitted between the antenna 10 and the
transmission/reception circuit 60. The transmission/reception circuit 60 processes a signal

received through the matching circuit 50, or provides a signal to the antenna 10 through the matching circuit 50.

A first embodiment matching circuit 50 is as shown in FIG. 3. FIG. 3 illustrates a detailed system of the first embodiment matching circuit in FIG. 1.

Referring to FIG. 3, the matching circuit 50 comprises a ' π ' circuit, inclusive of an inductor L1 between the antenna 10 and the transmission/reception circuit 60, a first capacitor C1 connected between the transmission/reception circuit 60/inductor L1 and ground, and a second capacitor C2 and a variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 connected in series between the antenna 10/inductor L1 and ground. The DAC 40 is connected between the second capacitor C2 and the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3. Therefore, a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 is varied with a control voltage from the DAC 40.

In the meantime, a second embodiment matching circuit 50 is as shown in FIG. 4. FIG. 4 illustrates a detailed system of the second embodiment of the matching circuit 50 in FIG. 1.

Referring to FIG. 4, the matching circuit 50 comprises a ' π ' circuit, inclusive of an inductor L1 between the antenna 10 and the transmission/reception circuit 60, a first capacitor C1 connected between the transmission/reception circuit 60/inductor L1 and ground, and a second capacitor C2 and a variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 each respectively connected between the antenna 10/inductor L1 and ground. The DAC 40 is connected between the inductor L1 and the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3. Therefore, a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 is varied with a control voltage

from the DAC 40. FIG. 5 illustrates an outer appearance of a portable radio telephone in accordance with a first preferred embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 5, the outer appearance of a portable radio telephone in accordance with a first preferred embodiment of the present invention shows an upper casing 71 and a lower casing 72, both of which are foldably coupled with a hinge 73. There is a reception speaker 74 in the upper casing 71 and a transmission speaker 75 and an antenna 76 in the lower casing. There is a folder sensor 77 fitted to the lower casing 72 for detecting a folded or unfolded state of the upper casing 71 and the lower casing 72. That is, the folder sensor 77 has a permanent magnet fitted to a position of the upper casing 71, and a magnetic sensor fitted to the lower casing 72 at a position opposite to the permanent magnet in the upper casing 71. Positions of the reception speaker 74, the transmission speaker 75, the antenna 76, and the folder sensor 77 are not limited to the above, but shown for convenience of explanation. That is, the reception speaker 74 may be fitted to the lower casing 72, both the transmission speaker 75 and the antenna 76 may be fitted to the upper casing 71, and the magnet and the magnetic sensor in the folder sensor may exchange their positions in the lower and upper casings 72 and 71.

The operation of the aforementioned device for matching an antenna impedance in accordance with a first preferred embodiment will be explained.

The manufacturer of the portable radio telephone stores voltages for optimal antenna impedance matching both in a case opened condition and case closed condition to the non-volatile memory 31. The folder sensor 20 or 77 shown in FIG. 1 or 5 senses the upper casing 71 and the lower casing 72 of the portable radio telephone being in a closed state or an

opened state, and informs the CPU 30. That is, the folder sensor 20 or 77 having a permanent magnet and a magnetic sensor senses states of the casings by the magnetic sensor, and informs the states to the CPU 30. Then, the CPU 30 recognizes the casing states sensed at the folder sensor 20, and reads the data stored in the non-volatile memory 31 according to the casing state, to control the DAC 40 to provide a predetermined control voltage, and the DAC 40 controls impedance matching of the matching circuit 50 under the control of the CPU 30. For example, if the casing is closed, the CPU 30 controls the variable pulse generator 41 in the DAC 40 to provide pulses with relatively small widths or with relatively low densities, to generate a control voltage, for example 1V, and provide it to the matching circuit 50, and, conversely, if the casing is opened, the CPU 30 controls the variable pulse generator 41 in the DAC 40 to provide pulses with relatively large widths or with relatively high densities, to generate a control voltage, for example 3V, and provide it to the matching circuit 50. According to this, the matching circuit 50 adjusts a capacitance to achieve an optimal impedance matching when the matching circuit 50 transfers a transmission/reception signal between the antenna 10 and the transmission/reception circuit 60 according to the control voltage from the DAC 40. That is, with reference to FIGS. 3 and 4, the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 has a capacitance varied with the control voltage from the DAC 40; i.e., if the control voltage from the DAC 40 is high, the capacitance is also great. In other words, an overall impedance matching for the inductor L, the first capacitor C1, the second capacitor C2, and the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 is adjusted by varying the capacitance of the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 depending on the state of the casing, for achieving an optimal impedance matching according to the casing state when the

matching circuit 50 transfers a transmission/reception signal between the antenna 10 and the transmission/reception circuit 60. In this instance, in FIGS. 3 and 4, the difference between the matching circuits 50 is whether the second capacitor C2 and the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 are connected in series or parallel. Therefore, an equivalent capacitance of the second capacitor C2 and the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3 is varied with a state of the variable capacitance diode, or varactor, C3.

SECOND EMBODIMENT

A device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a second preferred embodiment will be explained. FIG. 6 illustrates a block diagram of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a second preferred embodiment, FIG. 7A illustrates an outer appearance of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a second preferred embodiment, and FIG. 7B illustrates a circuit of the CPU and the antenna sensor in FIG. 7A.

Referring to FIG. 6, the device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a second preferred embodiment includes an antenna 10, an antenna sensor 80, a CPU 30, a DAC 40, a matching circuit 50, a transmission/reception circuit 60, and a non-volatile memory 31. The antenna sensor 80 senses the antenna 10 being extracted out of the case or retracted into the casing. And, the rest of the parts in FIG. 6 have functions the same as the first embodiment, but the CPU 30 provides a control signal for controlling a voltage in response to a signal from the antenna sensor 80, in lieu of the folder sensor 20.

An outer appearance of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a second preferred embodiment will be explained.

Referring to FIG. 7A, the antenna sensor 80 is fitted to a low portion of an antenna line for sensing whether the antenna of the portable radio is in a retracted state in which the antenna is pushed into the portable radio telephone, or in an extracted state in which the antenna is pulled out of the portable radio telephone. The sensor then provides an indication of the state of the antenna to the CPU 30. As shown in FIG. 7B, the antenna sensor 80 has a micro tact switch, or the like. A position of the antenna sensor 80 is not limited to the position shown in FIG. 7A, which is shown as an example for convenience of explanation, and may be fitted to a top portion of the antenna line.

The operation of the device for matching an antenna impedance in accordance with a second preferred embodiment will be explained.

Voltage values for optimal antenna impedance matching for respective antenna states are stored in the non-volatile memory 31. And, as shown in FIGS. 6, 7A and 7B, the antenna sensor 80 senses an antenna state either being extracted or retracted, and informs the CPU 30. That is, if the antenna in the portable radio telephone is retracted into the portable radio telephone, so as to turn on the antenna sensor 80, a logic low signal is provided to the CPU 30. And, if the antenna in the portable radio telephone is extracted from the portable radio telephone, to turn off the antenna sensor 80, a logic high signal is provided to the CPU 30, due to a pull-up resistance R. Accordingly, the CPU 30 recognizes the antenna state sensed at the antenna sensor 80, and reads the data stored in the non-volatile memory 31 according to the antenna state, and controls the DAC 40 to vary the control voltage, and the DAC 40

controls impedance matching of the matching circuit 50 under the voltage control of the CPU 30. And, as explained, the matching circuit 50 adjusts a capacitance so that an optimal impedance matching can be achieved when the matching circuit 50 transfers a transmission/reception signal between the antenna 10 and the transmission/reception circuit 60.

THIRD EMBODIMENT

A device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a third preferred embodiment will be explained. FIG. 8 illustrates a block diagram of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a third preferred embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 8, the device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a third preferred embodiment includes an antenna 10, a folder sensor 20, an antenna sensor 80, a CPU 30, a DAC 40, a matching circuit 50, a transmission/reception circuit 60, and a non-volatile memory 31. The folder sensor 20 senses a folded or unfolded state of a telephone casing, the antenna sensor 80 senses whether the antenna is extracted or retracted from/to the telephone, and respectively informs the CPU 30. The non-volatile memory 31 stores voltage values for optimal antenna impedance matching according to casing states and antenna states. The CPU 30 determines the casing and antenna states from the folder sensor 20 and the antenna sensor 80, respectively. That is, the CPU 30: determines a state wherein the casing is opened and the antenna is extracted, a state wherein the casing is opened and the antenna is retracted, a state wherein the casing is closed and the antenna is extracted, and a state wherein the casing is closed and the antenna is retracted;

reads data from the non-volatile memory 31 according to the determined state; and provides a corresponding voltage for each state. That is, voltages which can provide impedances proper to each of the states are stored in the non-volatile memory 31, and one of which is forwarded. That is, the voltages for the casing and antenna states are as shown in table 1, below.

casing	antenna	voltage
closed	extracted	V1
closed	retracted	V2
opened	extracted	V3
opened	retracted	V4

FOURTH EMBODIMENT

A device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment will be explained. FIG. 9 illustrates a block diagram of a device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment. Variables in the antenna impedance matching of a portable radio telephone, such as, not only the opened or closed state of the casing and the antenna extraction/retraction states, but also telephone transmission and reception states, and optimal matching values according to the above conditions for a specific telephone set, may differ, therefore, the above conditions should be taken into account for an optimal matching of the antenna impedance. That is, since the operating frequency differs between a reception mode and a transmission mode, and every telephone set has its own optimal matching value, an optimal matching for the casing states and the antenna states under the above conditions is required. Therefore, in the fourth embodiment, a device is suggested for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone which can

perform an optimal antenna impedance matching even in the above conditions.

Referring to FIG. 9, the device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment includes an antenna 10, a folder sensor 20, an antenna sensor 80, a CPU 30, a DAC 40, a matching circuit 50, a transmission/reception circuit 60, a measurement device 90, a Personal Computer (PC) 100, a Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter (UART) 110. The folder sensor 20 senses a folded or unfolded state of a telephone casing, the antenna sensor 80 senses the antenna being extracted or retracted from/to the telephone set, and respectively informs the CPU 30. The PC 100 stores control signals for measuring frequencies transmitted/received through the antenna, and optimal data values under the above conditions, and the measurement device 90 has an antenna coupler 120 coupled to the antenna 10 for providing an RF signal having a frequency to the antenna 10 or measuring an RF frequency provided from the antenna. In a reception mode, under the control of the PC 100, the CPU 30: determines the casing and antenna states from the folder sensor 20 and the antenna sensor 80 respectively; receives an RF signal through the antenna 10 and the transmission/reception circuit 60; boosts the DAC output voltage by a 0.5V increment from 0V to a certain level (255V) gradually to vary the antenna impedance matching; measures a Rx reception sensitivity; and provides the reception sensitivity to the PC 100 through the UART 110 every time the antenna matching impedance is varied. And, upon determination of an optimal antenna impedance matching value, the CPU 30 stores the optimal antenna impedance matching value to the non-volatile memory 31. In a transmission mode, under the control of the PC 100, the CPU 30: boosts the DAC output voltage by a 0.5V increment from 0V to a certain level (255V) gradually to vary the antenna

impedance matching; causing the PC 100 to measure the Tx transmission level every time the antenna impedance matching is varied; and, upon reception of the optimal antenna impedance matching from the PC 100, the CPU 30 stores the optimal antenna impedance matching to the non-volatile memory 31. According to this method, the CPU 30 can store optimal antenna impedance matching values for the states wherein the casing is opened and the antenna is extracted, the casing is opened and the antenna is retracted, the casing is closed and the antenna is extracted, and the casing is closed and the antenna is retracted, and for a reception mode and a transmission mode, and provides different control voltages depending on the states. That is, the CPU 30 stores voltages which can provide impedances proper to respective states in the memory 31, and forwards one of the voltages.

A method for matching an antenna impedance in a radio telephone in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment will be explained. FIG. 10 illustrates a flow chart showing a preferred embodiment method for storing an optimal antenna impedance matching value for a reception mode in a fourth preferred embodiment.

First, a reception mode will be explained. When the casing is closed, the antenna is retracted, and the radio telephone is in a reception mode (1S and 2S), a method for setting an optimal antenna impedance matching value will be explained. That is, in the reception mode, the measurement device 90 is controlled through the PC 100, such that the measurement device 90 provides an RF signal with a frequency matching the center frequency of the reception band (Rx band) of the portable radio telephone. When the measurement device 90 provides the RF signal, the RF signal is provided to the antenna 10 by the antenna coupler 120 (3S). Then, the CPU 30, while receiving the RF signal through the antenna 10, the

matching circuit 50, and the transmission/reception circuit 60, boosts the DAC output voltage by a 0.5V increment from 0V to a certain level (255V) gradually, to vary the antenna impedance matching, and measures a Rx reception sensitivity and provides the reception sensitivity to the PC 100 through the UART 110 every time the antenna impedance matching is varied (4S). Thus, if the antenna impedance matching is varied, the PC 100 forms a table of the Rx reception sensitivity measurement results, and commands the CPU 30 to store a DAC voltage value corresponding to the Rx reception value (5S) of the best sensitivity, and the CPU 30 stores the voltage value at a relevant table position of the memory 31 (for example, Rx_center_fold_DAC), and terminates a reception call (6S). Thus, after the adjusted value is stored at the relevant table position of the non-volatile memory 31, in actual use, the CPU 30 adjusts the matching circuit 50 with reference to the value when the casing is closed, the antenna is retracted, and the radio telephone is in the reception mode.

According to identical methods, the Rx reception sensitivity measurement results are formed into tables for the states wherein the casing is closed and the antenna is retracted, the casing is opened and the antenna is retracted, and the casing is opened and the antenna is extracted. DAC voltage values corresponding to Rx reception values of the best sensitivity for each case are stored at relevant table positions of the non-volatile memory 31, and reception calls are terminated.

Alternatively, instead of the center frequency of the reception band, the measurements may be made to provide a high frequency or a low frequency of the reception band, and, by the same method, the Rx reception sensitivity measurement results are stored into tables, DAC voltage values corresponding to Rx reception values of the best sensitivity for each case

are stored at relevant table positions of the non-volatile memory 31, and the values may be used in the antenna impedance matching.

A method for setting an optimal antenna impedance matching value in a transmission mode will be explained. FIG. 11 illustrates a flow chart showing a preferred embodiment method for storing an optimal antenna impedance matching value for a reception mode in a fourth preferred embodiment.

When the casing is opened and the antenna is retracted (11S and 12S), the measurement device 90 is controlled through the PC 100, such that the measurement device 90 measures the RF signal from the antenna 10 in the portable radio telephone (13S). And, the PC 100 controls the CPU 30 through the UART 110, such that the CPU 30 controls the transmission/reception circuit to transmit at a center frequency of the transmission band (Tx band). Under this state, the CPU 30 boosts the DAC output voltage by a 0.5V increment from 0V to a certain level (255V) gradually, to vary the antenna impedance matching, and provides a voltage value to the PC 100 through the UART 110 every time the antenna impedance matching is varied (14S). Thus, if the CPU 30 varies, and forwards the antenna impedance matching value, the PC 100 stores the Tx output level measurement from the measurement device 90 into a table, and commands the CPU 30 to store a DAC voltage value corresponding to Tx reception value (15S) of the best output level, and the CPU 30 stores the voltage value at a relevant table position of the memory 31 (for example, Tx_center_fold_DAC), and terminates a transmission call (16S). Thus, after the adjusted value is stored at the relevant table position of the non-volatile memory 31, in actual use, the CPU 30 adjusts the matching circuit 50 with reference to the value in the case wherein the

casing is closed, the antenna is retracted, and the radio telephone is in the transmission mode.

According to identical methods, resultants of the Tx transmission sensitivity measurement are stored into tables for the states wherein the casing is closed and the antenna is extracted, the casing is opened and the antenna is retracted, and the casing is opened and the antenna is extracted. DAC voltage values corresponding to Tx transmission values of the best output level for each case are stored at relevant table positions of the non-volatile memory 31, and a transmission call is terminated.

Alternatively, instead of the center frequency of the transmission band, the CPU 30 may be made to control the transmission/reception circuit to provide a high frequency or a low frequency of the transmission band Tx band, and, by the same method, Tx transmission sensitivity measurement results are stored into tables, DAC voltage values corresponding to Tx transmission values of the best output level for each case are stored at relevant table positions of the non-volatile memory 31, and the values may be used in the antenna impedance matching.

The DAC output voltages stored in the non-volatile memory according to the method for the optimal antenna impedance matching are as shown on table 2, below. Once the voltage values corresponding to respective states are stored in the non-volatile memory 31, the CPU 30 identifies transmission/reception modes, and a folder casing state and an antenna state from respective sensors, reads the pertinent data, and adjusts a matching value.

Mode of telephone	casing	antenna	output voltage
reception mode	closed	retracted	V1
reception mode	closed	extracted	V2
reception mode	opened	retracted	V3
reception mode	opened	extracted	V4

transmission mode	closed	retracted	V5
transmission mode	closed	extracted	V6
transmission mode	opened	retracted	V7
transmission mode	opened	extracted	V8

As has been explained, the device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone as described herein has the following advantages.

First, the antenna impedance matching with an optimal value according to the casing state, by sensing a folded or unfolded state of the portable radio telephone, permits enhanced radio performance.

Second, the antenna impedance matching with an optimal value according to the antenna state, by sensing an extracted or retracted state of the antenna in the portable radio telephone, permits enhanced radio performance.

Third, the antenna impedance matching with an optimal value according to both the casing state and the antenna state, by sensing the casing state and the antenna state of the portable radio telephone, permits enhanced radio performance.

Fourth, the antenna impedance matching with an optimal value according to the mode state, the casing state, and the antenna state, by sensing the mode state, the casing state and the antenna state of the portable radio telephone, permits enhanced radio performance.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone of the present invention without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention. Thus, it is intended that the present invention cover the modifications and variations of this invention provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is Claimed is:

1. A device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone having a folder casing and a transmission/reception circuit, comprising:

a folder sensor for sensing a folded state and an unfolded state of the folder casing;

a controller for controlling a voltage according to the state sensed by the folder sensor;

and,

a matching circuit having a variable capacitance diode for matching the antenna impedance and an impedance of the transmission/reception circuit according to the voltage of the controller.

2. A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the folder casing includes an upper casing and a lower casing, and wherein the folder sensor includes:

a magnet fitted to a position of an upper casing of the portable radio telephone; and

a magnetic sensor fitted to a lower casing of the portable radio telephone.

3. A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the matching circuit includes:
an inductor having a first end connected to the antenna and a second end connected to the transmission/reception circuit;

a first capacitor having a first end connected to the second end of the inductor and the transmission /reception circuit, and a second end grounded, and

a second capacitor and a variable capacitance diode connected in series between the antenna and ground,

8 wherein a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode is varied according to the
9 voltage of the controller.

1 4. A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the matching circuit includes:
2 an inductor having a first end connected to the antenna and a second end connected to
3 the transmission/reception circuit;
4 a first capacitor having a first end connected to the second end of the inductor and the
5 transmission /reception circuit, and a second end grounded;
6 a second capacitor having a first end connected to the antenna and the second end of
7 the inductor, and having a second end connected to ground; and
8 a variable capacitance diode having a first end connected to the antenna and the
9 second end of the inductor, and having a second end connected to ground,
10 wherein a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode is varied according to the
11 voltage of the controller.

1 5. A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the controller includes:
2 a memory for storing data for an optimal antenna impedance matching for the folded
3 state and the opened state of the folder casing,
4 a central processing unit (CPU) for reading the data from the memory according to a
5 signal from the folder sensor, and
6 a digital-to-analog converter (DAC) for converting the voltage from the CPU into an
7 analog voltage and providing the analog voltage to the matching circuit.

1 6. A device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the DAC includes:
2 a variable pulse generator for receiving a control signal and a data signal from the
3 CPU and in response thereto varying one selected from the group consisting of pulse widths
4 and pulse densities; and
5 an integrating circuit for integrating pulses received from the variable pulse generator
6 and providing an integrated output signal to the matching circuit.

1 7. A device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone having a
2 transmission/reception circuit, and an antenna movable between an extracted position from
3 the telephone and a retracted position into the telephone; comprising:
4 means for sensing an extracted state and a retracted state of the antenna and in
5 response thereto providing a sensing signal;
6 a controller for providing a control voltage in response to the sensing signal; and,
7 means for matching an impedance of the antenna and an impedance of the
8 transmission/reception circuit according to the control voltage from the controller.

1 8. A device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the controller includes;
2 a central processing unit (CPU) for receiving the sensing signal and providing a
3 digital voltage corresponding to the sensing signal; and
4 a digital/analog convertor for receiving the digital voltage and converting the digital
5 voltage into the control voltage and providing the control voltage to the means for matching

the impedances.

9. A device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the means for matching the impedance includes:

an inductor connected between the antenna and the transmission/reception circuit;
a first capacitor having a first end connected to the inductor and the transmission/reception circuit, and having a second end grounded;

a second capacitor and a variable capacitance diode connected in series between the antenna and ground,

wherein a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode is varied according to the control voltage.

10. A device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the means for matching the impedance includes;

an inductor having a first end connected to the antenna and a second end connected to the transmission/reception circuit;

a first capacitor having a first end connected to the second end of the inductor and the transmission /reception circuit, and a second end grounded;

a second capacitor having a first end connected to the antenna and the second end of the inductor, and having a second end connected to ground; and

a variable capacitance diode having a first end connected to the antenna and the second end of the inductor, and having a second end connected to ground,

11 wherein a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode is varied according to the
12 control voltage.

1 ~~11.~~ A device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone
2 comprising a radio having a transmission/receiving circuit, a foldable casing enclosing the
3 radio telephone, the foldable casing movable between an unfolded position and a folded
4 position, and an antenna movable between an extracted position from the foldable casing and
5 a retracted position into the foldable casing, the device comprising:

6 means for sensing whether the foldable casing is in the unfolded position and for
7 sensing whether the antenna is in the extracted position, and for providing a sensing signal in
8 response thereto; and,

9 means for matching an impedance of the antenna and an impedance of the
10 transmission/receiving circuit in response to the sensing signal.

1 12. A device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means for matching impedances
2 includes:

3 a controller for receiving the sensing signal, and providing a digital voltage
4 corresponding to the sensing signal;

5 a digital-to-analog convertor for converting the digital voltage into an analog voltage,
6 and

7 a matching circuit for matching an impedance of the antenna and an impedance of the
8 transmission/receiving circuit in response to the analog voltage.

1 13. A device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the controller includes a memory for
2 storing a digital value representing a voltage value for matching the impedances.

1 14. A device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the controller stores voltage values for
2 matching the impedances, corresponding to cases wherein: the antenna is extracted and the
3 foldable casing is unfolded; the antenna is extracted and the foldable casing is folded; the
4 antenna is retracted and the foldable casing is unfolded; and the antenna is retracted and the
5 foldable casing is folded; and for selecting one of said voltage values in response to the
6 sensing signal.

1 15. A device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the matching circuit includes:
2 an inductor connected between the antenna and the transmission/reception circuit;
3 a first capacitor having a first end connected to the inductor and the
4 transmission/reception circuit, and having a second end grounded;
5 a second capacitor and a variable capacitance diode connected in series between the
6 antenna and ground,
7 wherein a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode is varied according to the
8 analog voltage.

1 16. A device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the matching circuit includes:
2 an inductor having a first end connected to the antenna and a second end connected to

the transmission/reception circuit;

a first capacitor having a first end connected to the second end of the inductor and the transmission /reception circuit, and a second end grounded;

a second capacitor having a first end connected to the antenna and the second end of the inductor, and having a second end connected to ground; and

a variable capacitance diode having a first end connected to the antenna and the second end of the inductor, and having a second end connected to ground,

wherein a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode is varied according to the analog voltage.

17. A device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone comprising a radio having transmission and receiving circuits, a foldable casing enclosing the radio, the foldable casing movable between an unfolded position and a folded position, and an antenna movable between an extracted position from the foldable casing and a retracted position into the foldable casing, the device comprising;

means for sensing whether the foldable casing is in the unfolded position, and for sensing whether the antenna is in the extracted position, and for providing a sensing signal in response thereto;

a measurement device for providing a RF signal to the antenna, and for measuring an RF signal from the antenna;

a controller for controlling the measurement device to provide the RF signal to the antenna in a reception mode, and to measure the RF signal from the antenna in a transmission

13 mode, and for determining optimal antenna impedance matching values for respective modes,
14 and for the folder casing positions and the antenna positions, and for storing the optimal
15 impedance matching values; and,

16 means for adjusting an impedance match between the antenna and the radio in
17 response to the sensing signal under the control of the controller for each folder casing
18 position, antenna impedance position, and transmission and reception mode to vary an
19 antenna impedance matching, the controller measuring a transmission level in the
20 transmission mode and a reception sensitivity in the reception mode every time the antenna
21 impedance matching is varied, to determine optimal antenna impedance matching values for
22 each folder casing position, antenna impedance position, and transmission and reception
23 mode, and to store the optimal antenna impedance matching values therein.

1 18. A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the means for adjusting the impedance
2 match includes;

3 a central processing unit (CPU) adjusting a voltage by a fixed increment from 0V to a
4 fixed voltage level in response to the sensing signal under the control of the controller for
5 each folder casing position, antenna impedance position, and transmission and reception
6 mode to vary an antenna impedance matching, and for causing the controller to measure the
7 transmission level in the transmission mode and the reception sensitivity in the reception
8 mode every time the antenna impedance matching is varied, and for providing a control signal
9 for storing the optimal antenna impedance matching values;

10 a memory for storing the optimal antenna impedance matching values under the

control of the CPU;

a digital-to-analog convertor for converting the voltage provided by the CPU into an analog voltage; and

a matching circuit for matching the impedance of the antenna and an impedance of the radio in response to the analog voltage.

19. A device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the matching circuit includes:

an inductor connected between the antenna and the transmission/reception circuit;

a first capacitor having a first end connected to the inductor and the transmission/reception circuit, and having a second end grounded;

a second capacitor and a variable capacitance diode connected in series between the antenna and ground,

wherein a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode is varied according to the analog voltage.

20. A device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the matching circuit includes:

an inductor having a first end connected to the antenna and a second end connected to the transmission/reception circuit;

a first capacitor having a first end connected to the second end of the inductor and the transmission /reception circuit, and a second end grounded;

a second capacitor having a first end connected to the antenna and the second end of the inductor, and having a second end connected to ground; and

8 a variable capacitance diode having a first end connected to the antenna and the
9 second end of the inductor, and having a second end connected to ground,
10 wherein a capacitance of the variable capacitance diode is varied according to the
11 analog voltage.

1 ~~21.~~ A portable radio terminal, comprising:
2 a radio having transmitting and receiving circuits;
3 a foldable casing enclosing said radio, said foldable casing movable between an open
4 position and a folded position;
5 an antenna movable between a retracted position retracted into said foldable casing
6 and an extended position extended from said foldable casing;
7 means for sensing whether said foldable casing is in the open position and for sensing
8 whether said antenna is in the extended position, and for producing at least one sensing signal
9 in response thereto; and
10 an impedance matching system for matching an impedance of said antenna and an
11 impedance of said radio, said impedance matching system receiving the sensing signal and
12 including an impedance matching circuit having a varactor, the varactor having a varactor
13 voltage which is changed in response to the sensing signal for tuning the impedance matching
14 circuit.

1 22. The portable radio terminal of claim 1, wherein said impedance matching system
2 further comprises:

3 a processor receiving the sensing signal and outputting a digital control signal in
4 response thereto; and
5 a digital to analog converter receiving the digital control signal and providing a
6 varactor tuning voltage in response thereto.

1 23. The portable radio terminal of claim 2, wherein said processor comprises a
2 memory storing a predetermined digital value representing a varactor voltage value for
3 matching said impedances, wherein said processor reads said digital value and outputs the
4 digital control signal in response thereto.

1 24. The portable radio terminal of claim 2, wherein said processor comprises a
2 memory comprising a plurality of memory locations, each location storing a corresponding
3 predetermined digital value representing a varactor voltage value for matching said
4 impedances, wherein said processor reads one of said digital values in response to the sensing
5 signal and outputs the digital control signal in response thereto.

1 25. The portable radio terminal of claim 4, wherein said memory comprises four
2 memory locations, a first memory location storing a corresponding predetermined digital
3 value representing a varactor voltage value for matching said impedances when said antenna
4 is extended and said foldable casing is open, a second memory location storing a
5 corresponding predetermined digital value representing a varactor voltage value for matching
6 said impedances when said antenna is retracted and said foldable casing is open, a third

7 memory location storing a corresponding predetermined digital value representing a varactor
8 voltage value for matching said impedances when said antenna is extended and said foldable
9 casing is closed, and a fourth memory location storing a corresponding predetermined digital
10 value representing a varactor voltage value for matching said impedances when said antenna
11 is retracted and said foldable casing is closed.

1 26. The portable radio terminal of claim 1, wherein said impedance matching circuit
2 further comprises:

3 an inductor having a first end and a second end being connected in series between said
4 antenna and said radio;

5 a first capacitor connected between said varactor and the first end of said inductor;

6 and

7 a second capacitor connected between the second end of said inductor and a reference
8 voltage.

1 27. The portable radio terminal of claim 6, wherein said impedance matching system
2 further comprises:

3 a processor receiving the sensing signal and outputting a digital control signal in
4 response thereto; and

5 a digital to analog converter receiving the digital control signal and providing a
6 varactor tuning voltage in response thereto.

1 28. The portable radio terminal of claim 7, wherein said processor comprises a
2 memory storing a predetermined digital value representing a varactor voltage value for
3 matching said impedances, wherein said processor reads said digital value and outputs the
4 digital control signal in response thereto.

1 29. The portable radio terminal of claim 7, wherein said processor comprises a
2 memory having a plurality of memory locations, each location storing a corresponding
3 predetermined digital value representing a varactor voltage value for matching said
4 impedances, wherein said processor reads one of said digital values in response to the sensing
5 signal and outputs the digital control signal in response thereto.

1 30. The portable radio terminal of claim 1, wherein said impedance matching circuit
2 further comprises:

3 an inductor having a first end and a second end being connected in series between said
4 antenna and said radio;

5 a first capacitor connected between the first end of said inductor and a reference
6 voltage; and

7 a second capacitor connected between the second end of said inductor and the
8 reference voltage,

9 wherein the varactor is connected between the first end of said inductor and the
10 reference voltage.

1 31. The portable radio terminal of claim 1, wherein said sensing means includes a
2 folder switch.

1 ~~32.~~ A portable radio terminal, comprising:
2 a radio having transmitting and receiving circuits;
3 an antenna movable between a retracted position and an extended position;
4 a sensor for sensing whether said whether said antenna is in the extended position and
5 for producing at least one sensing signal in response thereto; and
6 an impedance matching system for matching an impedance of said antenna and an
7 impedance of said radio, said impedance matching system receiving the sensing signal and
8 including an impedance matching circuit having a varactor, the varactor having a varactor
9 voltage which is changed in response to the sensing signal for tuning the impedance matching
10 circuit.

1 33. The portable radio terminal of claim 12, wherein said impedance matching
2 system further comprises:
3 a processor receiving the sensing signal and outputting a digital control signal in
4 response thereto; and
5 a digital to analog converter receiving the digital control signal and providing a
6 varactor tuning voltage in response thereto.

1 34. The portable radio terminal of claim 13, wherein said processor comprises a

memory storing a predetermined digital value representing a varactor voltage value for matching said impedances, wherein said processor reads said digital value and outputs the digital control signal in response thereto.

35. The portable radio terminal of claim 13, wherein said impedance matching circuit further comprises:

an inductor having a first end and a second end being connected in series between said antenna and said radio;

a first capacitor connected between said varactor and the first end of said inductor;

and

a second capacitor connected between the second end of said inductor and a reference voltage.

36. The portable radio terminal of claim 13, wherein said impedance matching circuit further comprises:

an inductor having a first end and a second end being connected in series between said antenna and said radio;

a first capacitor connected between the first end of said inductor and a reference voltage; and

a second capacitor connected between the second end of said inductor and the reference voltage,

wherein the varactor is connected between the first end of said inductor and the

reference voltage.

37. A method of producing a portable radio terminal comprising:
a radio having transmitting and receiving circuits, a foldable casing enclosing said radio, said foldable casing movable between an open position and a folded position;
an antenna movable between a retracted position into said foldable casing and an extended position extended from said foldable casing;
means for sensing whether said foldable casing is in the open position and for sensing whether the antenna is in the extended position, and for providing at least one sensing signal in response thereto; and
an impedance matching system for matching an impedance of said antenna and an impedance of said radio, said method comprising:
sensing whether said foldable casing is in the open position and whether the antenna is in the extended position;
determining an optimum varactor voltage value to match the impedances; and
storing a digital value representing said optimum varactor voltage value in a memory location in said impedance matching system.

38. The method of claim 17, wherein said determining and storing steps are performed when said antenna is extended and said foldable casing is open, when said antenna is retracted and said foldable casing is open, when said antenna is extended and said foldable casing is closed, and when said antenna is retracted and said foldable casing is closed.

ABSTRACT

A device for matching an antenna impedance in a portable radio telephone having transmission and receiving circuits, a foldable casing enclosing the radio, the foldable casing movable between an unfolded position and a folded position, an antenna movable between an
5 extracted position from the foldable casing and a retracted position into the foldable casing includes means for sensing whether the foldable casing is in the unfolded position and for sensing whether the antenna is in the extracted position, and for providing a sensing signal in response thereto, and means for matching an impedance of the antenna and an impedance of the radio in response to the sensing signal, thereby making an optimal matching of
10 impedances between the antenna and the radio according to the states of the folder casings and the antenna, and according to the transmission/reception mode.

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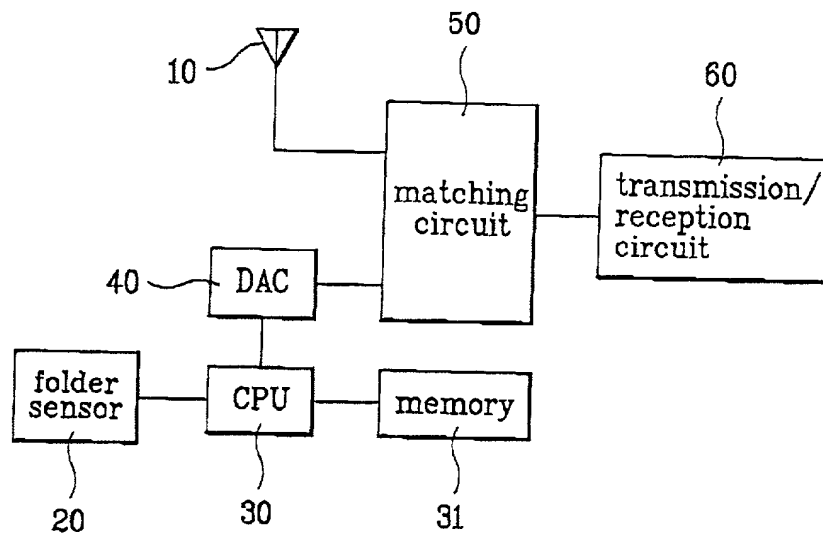


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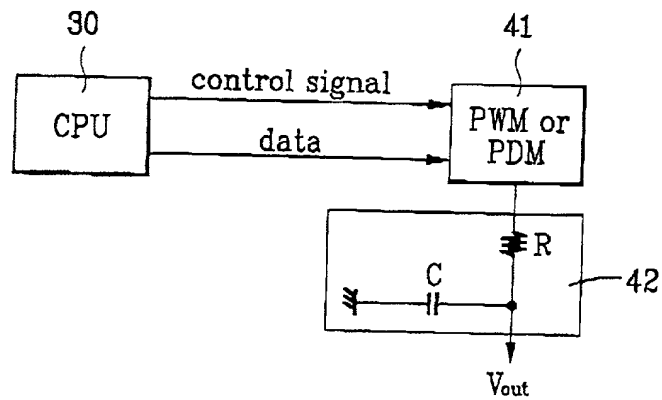


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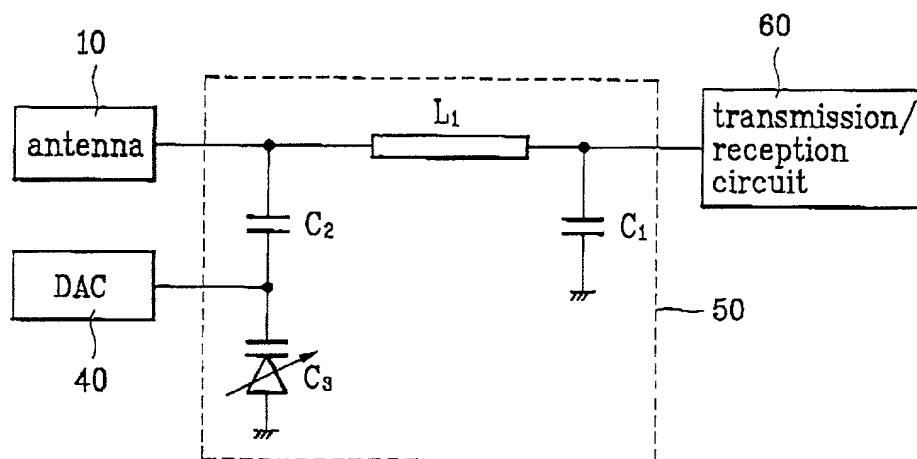


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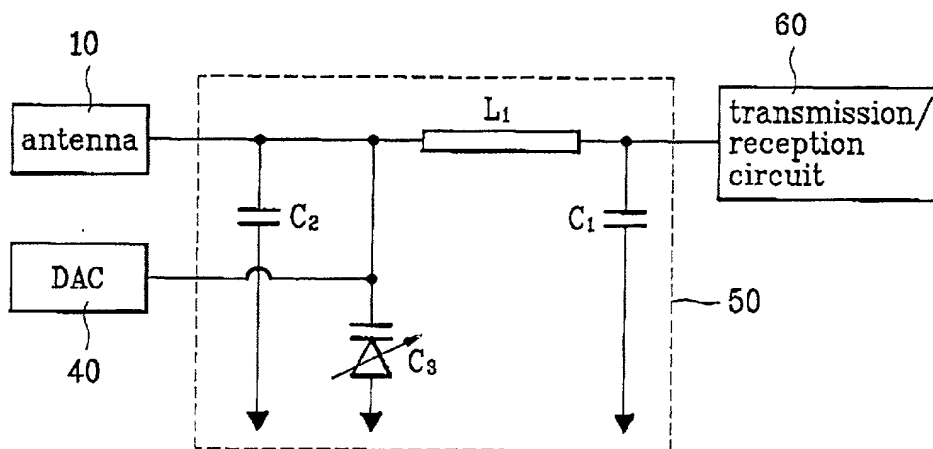


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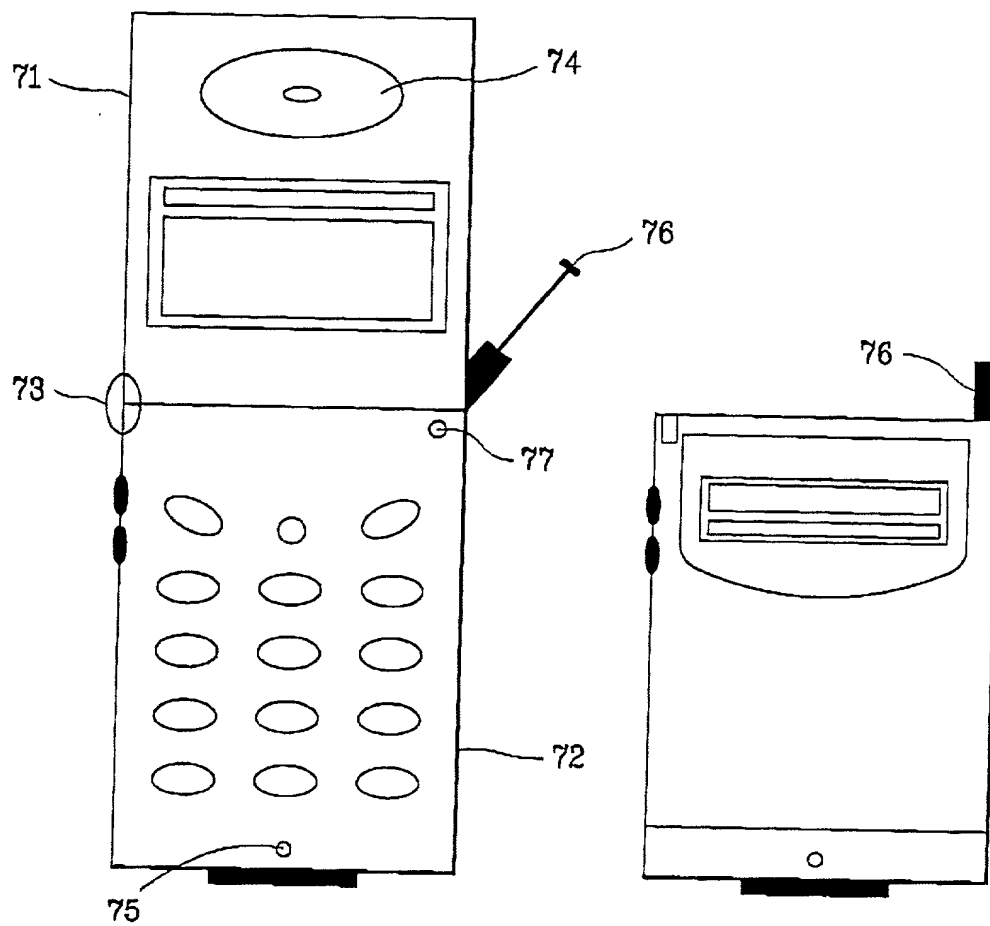


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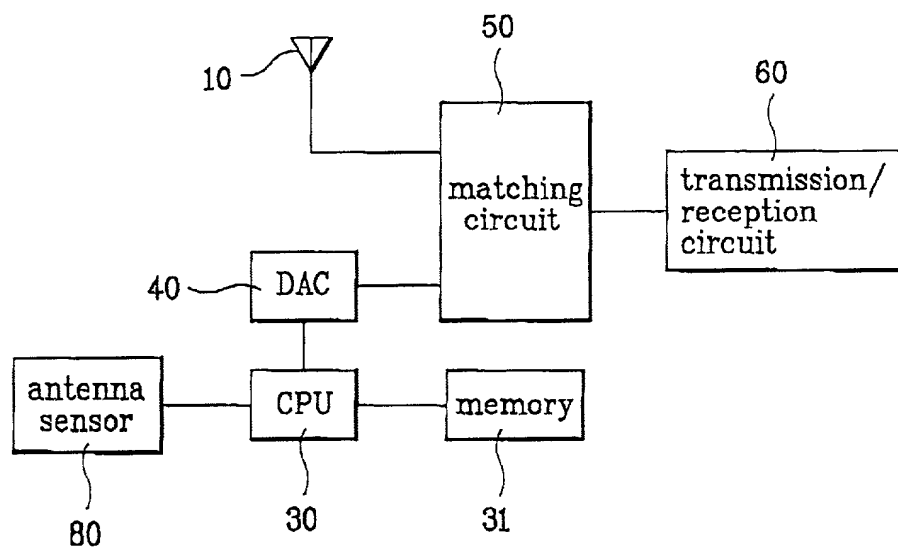


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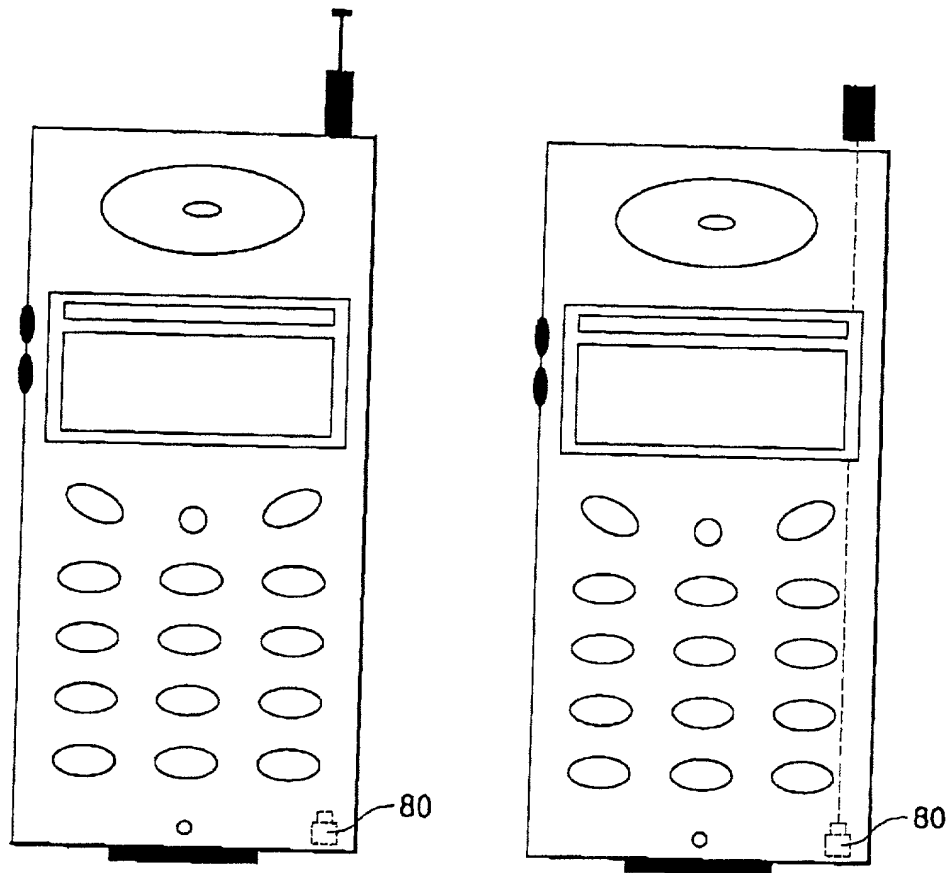


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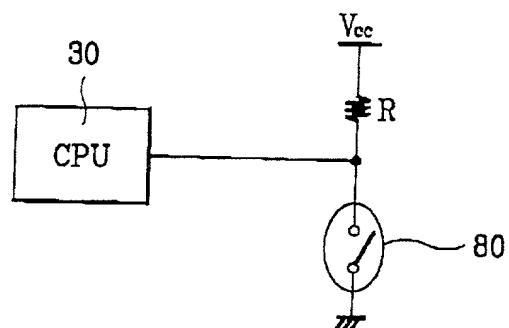


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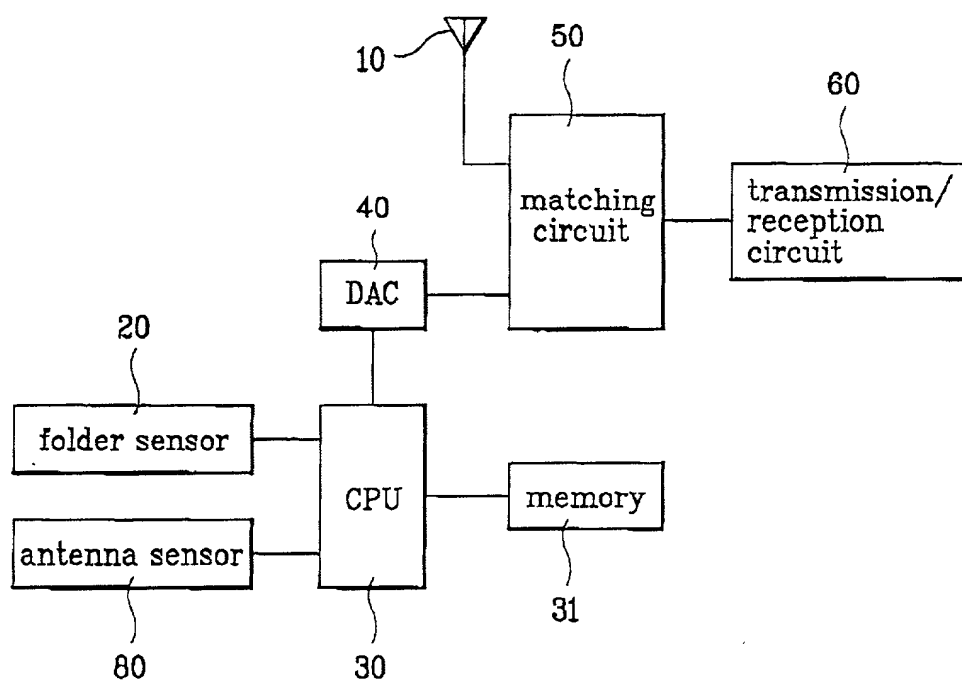


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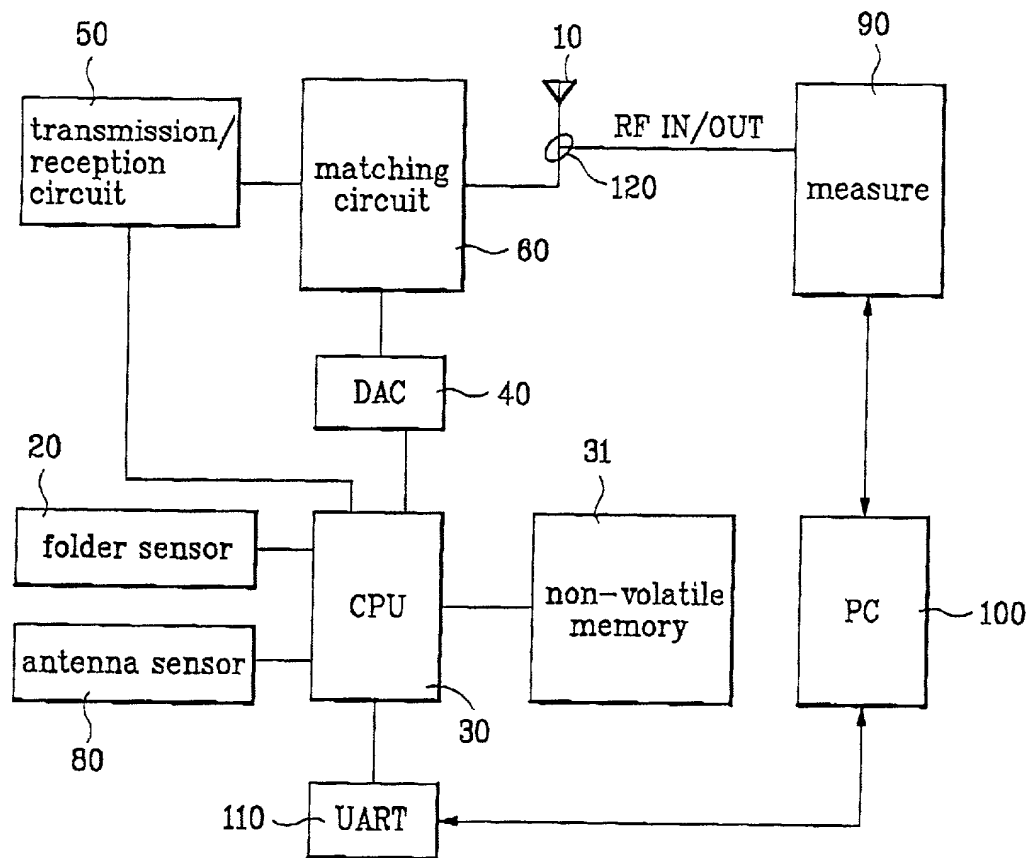


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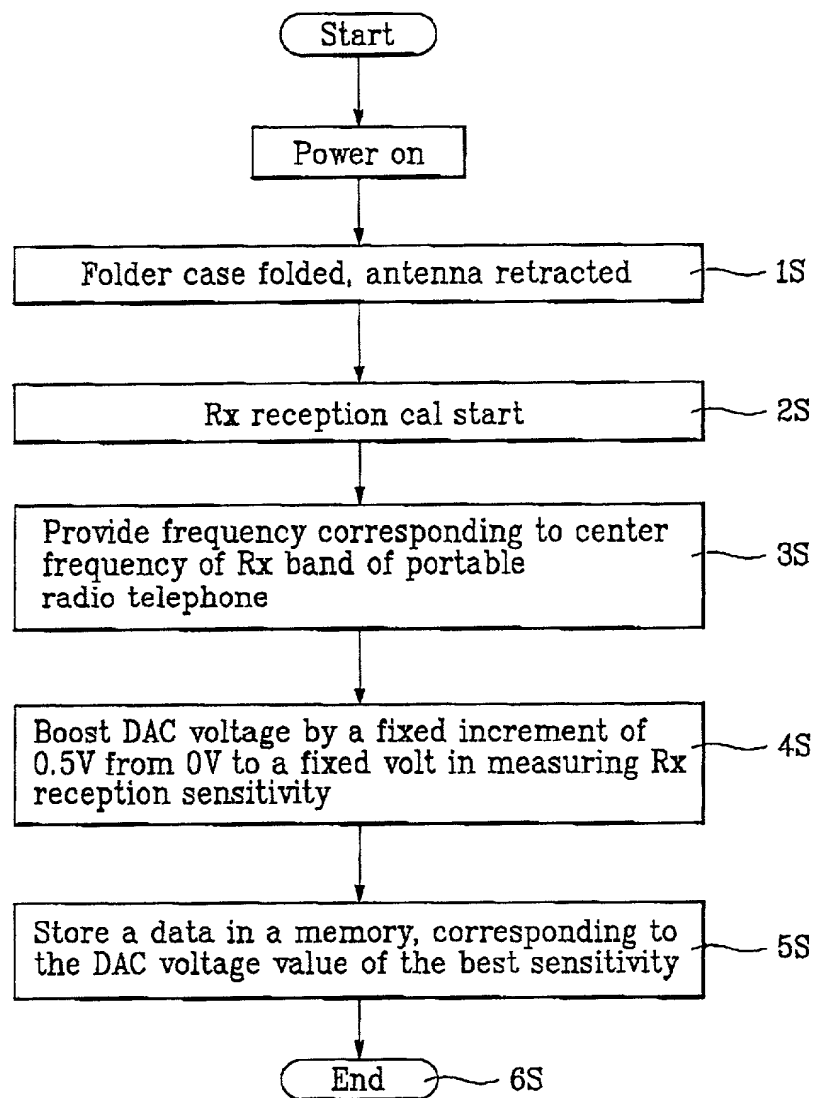
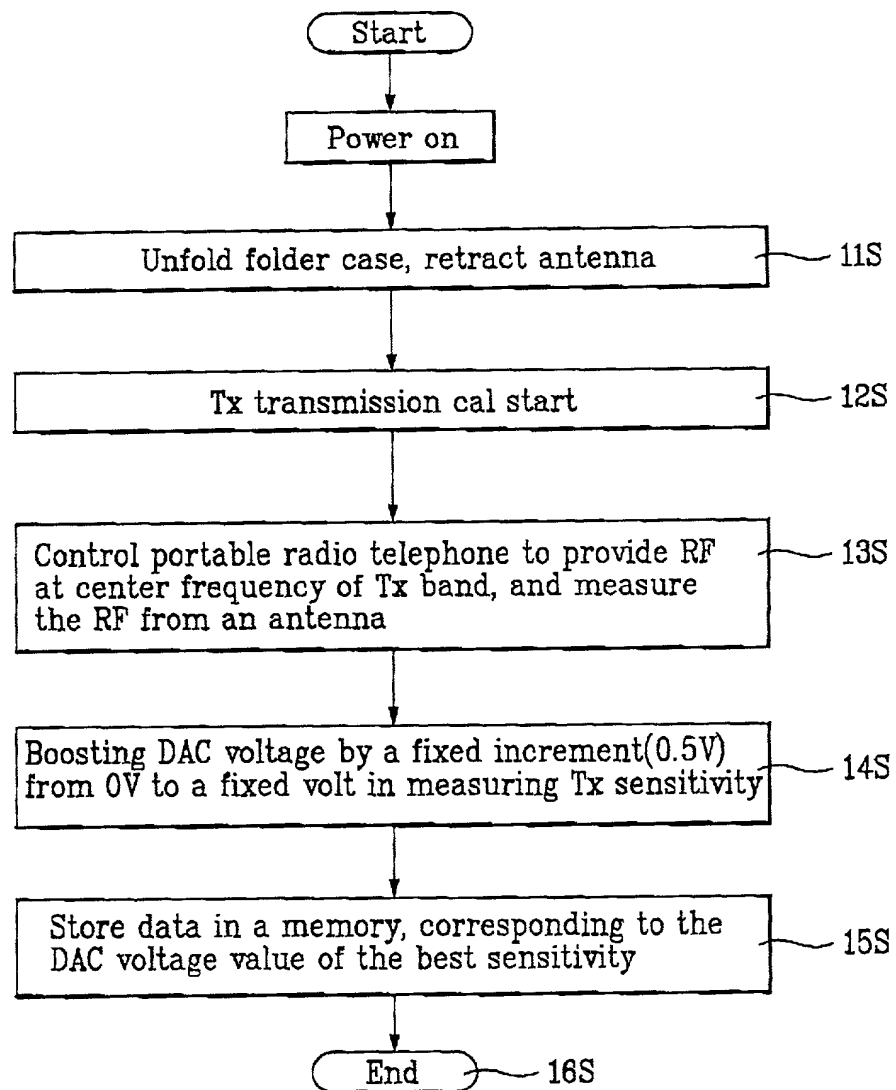


FIG.11



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